

BY THE NUMBERS

SC FORESTRY FACTS & FIGURES: FY2021-22

Forest management

- ▶ 2,093 landowners assisted
- ▶ 1,224 cost-share, stewardship, and/or woodland exams performed, covering 70,622 acres
- ▶ SCFC personnel conducted 9,799 acres of prescribed burns and 1,646 acres of standbys, plowed 1,123 miles of firebreaks and installed 127 waterbars.



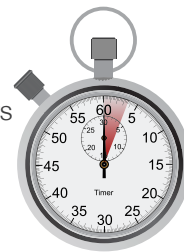
Fire statistics

- ▶ 2,097 wildfires
- ▶ 16,643 acres burned
- ▶ 1,254 fires caused by debris burning, the No. 1 cause in SC (60% of all wildfires in SC in FY2021-22)
- ▶ 353,564 burn notifications handled by automated call center
- ▶ 5-year average: 1,374 fires / 9,162 acres burned



Fire response

- ▶ The Commission's three dispatch centers field more than 22,000 calls every year for notifications and reporting of wildfires
- ▶ The average response time between the report of a wildfire and the arrival of an initial attack warden was 36.1 minutes



Investment

- ▶ \$497.5 million in forestry capital projects announced in FY2021-22
- ▶ 100 primary mills
- ▶ ~800 secondary mills
- ▶ 48,000+ jobs stemming directly from forest industry
* >100,000 total jobs
- ▶ \$2.92 billion in direct labor income



Ownership

- ▶ 64,000+ forest landowners in SC with 10 or more acres
- ▶ 87% of SC forests are privately owned
- ▶ 52% of private forests are family-owned
- ▶ The average "family forest" is 97 acres. 63% of these owners have their primary residence on the land
- ▶ Forest industries own 838,000 acres, down 58% since 2001
- ▶ Public agencies manage 13% of South Carolina's forests



Enforcement

- ▶ 42 sworn officers
- ▶ 436 fire investigations
- ▶ 90 fire cases, 4 game and fish cases, 4 violations of state forest regulations and 8 miscellaneous cases
- ▶ 98 timber theft/fraud cases
- ▶ \$24,027.50 in fines collected
- ▶ 75%, or \$159,415.30, of timber theft/fraud losses recovered for victims
- ▶ 26 burn site inspections; 36 smoke management investigations
- ▶ 214 warning tickets issued



Wood supply



- ▶ 12.85 million acres of forestland, composed of 53% hardwood and 47% softwood
- ▶ SC's forests now contain 27.4 billion cubic feet of wood, more than at any time in the past century
- ▶ There are 2 million more acres of forestland in SC than there were in 1936.
- ▶ The state's forests, both hardwood and softwood, are growing more wood than is being harvested